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U.S. Army Chief of Engineers Launches Blog

WASHINGTON (February 13, 2008) -- Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, the 52nd Chief of Engineers and Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, today ventured into the blogosphere for the first time with a blog about Iraq reconstruction efforts. Van Antwerp visited Iraq in late January to observe the Corps' ongoing mission there.

The blog, called "Corps-e-spondence," includes RSS (Really Simple Syndication), so readers can subscribe and automatically receive updates. Readers may also post questions and comments.

"This is the way of the future," Van Antwerp said. "We should be out there, too – clearly and openly communicating with the American public every chance we get."

As the commander of the nation's leading public engineering agency, General Van Antwerp plans to blog about the many missions within the Corps' purview, from water resources and flood risk management to military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force at home and abroad.

Other upcoming topics are likely to include the Gulf Coast recovery efforts in Southeast Louisiana, Afghanistan reconstruction, the Formerly Used Defense Sites program and the Corps' state-of-the-art engineering research and design at its Engineer Research and Development Center.

"Corps-e-spondence" can be found on the USACE web site at:

<https://eportal.usace.army.mil/sites/blog>.

There will also be a link from the home page: www.usace.army.mil.